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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 11th March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Travelling allowance and daily allowance granted to Government servants

* 1249 *Q*.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government servants should not claim daily allowance for more than twenty days in a month and their travelling allowance should not exceed 75 per cent of their basic pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question Nos. 1250 and 1251 can be taken up together."

Removal of untouchability

* 1250 *Q*.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any recommendation from the Backward Classes Commission appointed by the Government of India, regarding the uplift of Harijans and the removal of untouchability; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the State Government to implement it?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

* 1251 *Q*.—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 45 given on 4th December 1954 the quota allotted for Malabar by the State Government out of the amount sanctioned by the Central Government for the removal of untouchability and other civil disabilities in the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This Government spent a sum of Rs. 1,98,432 on the construction of platforms in Harijan quarters during 1953–54 in anticipation of a half-grant from the Government of India. The amount spent in Malabar district is Rs. 13,221. The Government of India sanctioned only a total grant of Rs. 15,000 for the whole State. This Government have requested the Government of